

# State of South Dakota

## SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2003

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### SENATE BILL NO. 71

Introduced by: Senators Olson (Ed), Dempster, Knudson, Koetzle, McCracken, Moore, Reedy, Sutton (Dan), and Symens and Representatives Schafer, Burg, Cradduck, Elliott, Haverly, Kroger, LaRue, and Olson (Mel)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the certification of school administrators.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. Each school district shall employ qualified school administrators. A qualified  
4 school administrator is:

5 (1) A chief administrator who holds a valid certificate with a superintendent's  
6 endorsement; or

7 (2) An elementary principal or secondary principal who holds a valid certificate with a  
8 principal's endorsement; or

9 (3) A person employed as a school administrator who does not hold a valid certificate  
10 with the appropriate endorsement, but who is following a professional development  
11 plan to achieve alternative certification.

12 Section 2. The Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26  
13 establishing an alternative route to certification for persons employed as school administrators  
14 who do not currently meet the certification requirements for the positions they hold. The  
15 alternative certification program shall be delivered by an accredited college or university with an



1 approved program or endorsement program in the discipline. It shall be delivered in coordination  
2 with the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs and the employing school system. The  
3 alternative certification program shall include education coursework in administration, on-the-job  
4 training, and mentorship.